

FINNEY OF FINNEYLANE IN CHEDDLETON, STAFFS

ARMS:

CREST:

c1532 FAS lists three families headed by "William Fene" in Cheddleton; all are married with children.

..... Finney of Finneylane in Cheddleton, Staffs c1505-.....

chn: Catherine Finney b c1535; m William Whitehall of Whitehall in Ipstones, Staffs c1530-1601 QV

..... Finney of Finneylane in Cheddleton, Staffs c1595-.....

chn: Edward Finney m Mary Jasson dau of Simon Jasson of Edial in Lichfield, Staffs c1590-1653 QV; (of Lichfield, Staffs)

William Finney of Finneylane in Cheddleton, Staffs "gentleman"

(not present at coronation of Charles I and later fined £10 for knighthood) 2 Feb 1625.6

William Finney of Finneylane in Cheddleton, Staffs "gentleman" c1618-

m Mary Bateman dau of Richard Bateman of Hartington, Derbys c1588-?1652 QV (disclaimed) *1664
(as Mr. William, 4 hearths [Finneylane], Basford in Cheddleton) 1666 HT

James Finney of Finneylane in Cheddleton, Staffs c1689-

(of Durham)

chn: Mary Finney [heir] m 1 Oct 1741 Sedgefield, Durhams: William Chaloner of Guisborough, Yorks c1714-1754 [BP]

William Fynney of "Fynney Lane", Cheddleton, Staffs gentleman 1626-1668

b 16 Jul 1626

m 5 Nov 1646 Mary Bateman dau of Richard Bateman of Hartington Hall; d 11 Jun 1683
d 4 Dec 1668; i 7 Dec 1668 Leek

chn: William Fynney [? b 5 Oct 1647] c 12 Oct 1648 Leek below

Richard Fynney b 11 Apr 1650

James Fynney b 14 Feb 1651; d 10 Mar 1726 (Canon of Durham) [see FOSTER]

Thomas Fynney b 28 Aug 1654

Elizabeth Fynney

Ann Fynney b 8 Oct 1659; m Richard Mott (?Mort)

Mary Fynney b 9 May 1661; m William Condlyffe of Gunsides in Leek gent.

Grace Fynney

Josiah Fynney b 19 Oct 1698; d 1717; (at St John's College, Oxford) [FOSTER]

John Fynney (of Ashbourne)

William Fynney of "Fynney Lane", Cheddleton, Staffs gentleman 1647-1721

[? b 5 Oct 1647] c 12 Oct 1648 Leek

m 3 Mar 1679.80 Leek: Elizabeth Machin dau and coheir of Richard Machin of Bucknall, Staffs gentleman

d 9 Jul 1721; i 13 Jul 1721 Cheddleton

"the finest penman in any age or nation,"

chn: Mary Fynney b 4 Feb 1680.1; m William Mountford of Cheddleton, Staffs

James Fynney b 26 Apr 1687; (of Durham) (J.P.)

Grace Fynney b 11 Feb 1689; m James Whitehall of Ferny Hill

chn: Samuel Fynney b 4 Mar 1692 below

William Fynney (had no chn); d 1702 London

[None of these on FMP]

Samuel Fynney of "Fynney Lane", Cheddleton, Staffs gentleman 1692-1753

b 4 Mar 1692 son of **William Fynney of "Fynney Lane", Cheddleton, Staffs gentleman 1647-1721 and Elizabeth (Machin) (who m 3 Mar 1679.80 Leek)**

m 16 Sep 1730 Leek: Sarah Best dau of Smalbroke Best of Binley, Warwicks and Mary (Fielding); b c1706; d *aged 75* 17 Mar 1781
d 2 Dec 1753; i *of Finney Lane* 6 Dec 1753 Cheddleton

(his wife inherited the manorial estate of Goldicott in the parish of Alderminster)
(sold the Fynney Lane estate)

chn: William Fynney (unm.)
Mary Fynney c 12 May 1734 Cheddleton; (unm.)
Elizabeth Fynney c 11 Feb 1739.40 Cheddleton; (unm.)
Sarah Fynney c 13 May 1737 Cheddleton; (unm.)
Fielding Best Fynney b 8 Feb 1743.4; c 12 Feb 1743.4 Cheddleton below

Samuel Fynney, who sold Fynney, was born 4 March, 1692, and died 2 December, 1753. He md., 16 September, 1730, Sarah, d. Smalbroke Best, of Binley, Warwickshire, by Mary, his wife, da. Basil, and grand-da. Sir Roger Fielding, of Barnacle-hall, 2nd brother to William, 1st Earl of Denbigh. She inherited the manorial estate of Goldicott, in the parish of Alderminster, and died 17 March, 1781, aet. 75. Their eldest son, William, and three das., Margaret, Sarah, and Elizabeth, all died unmarried [Sleigh LEEK (1883)]

Fielding Best Fynney of Leek, Staffs surgeon & apothecary 1744-1805

b 8 Feb 1743.4; c 12 Feb 1743.4 Cheddleton *son of Samuel Fynney and Sarah (Best)*
m (by Lichfield licence, 12 Jun) 13 Jun 1778 Leek: Mary Spurr dau of John Spurr of Basford, Notts; b c1747; d 20 Feb 1798
d *aged 61* 20 Sep 1805 Nottingham; i *aged 62[sic]* 29 Sep 1805[sic] Cheddleton
(apprenticed for 7 years at a premium of £50, to William Malbon of Congleton, Cheshire apothecary) 27 Jan 1759 [R.APP]
(of Leek surgeon, took apprentice for 6 years at a premium of £4/4/0, William Bagnall) 25 May 1775 [R.APP]
(of Leek surgeon, took apprentice for 7 years at a premium of £5, William Kidd) 20 Apr 1780 [R.APP]

(as Mr Fynney, Best Fielding, Surgeon, Leek, subscribed to Samuel Walker Life review'd: A poem ...) 1783

(of Leek chirurgeon, took apprentice for 5 years at a premium of £100, John Blackden) 28 Mar 1786 [R.APP]
(of Leek surgeon &c, took apprentice for 5 years at a premium of £110, Samuel Malbon) 1 Mar 1793 [R.APP]

(probably took apprentice his son Smalbroke Best Fynney) c1793
(probably took apprentice his son Alfred Augustus Fynney) c1796
(probably took apprentice his son Georgius Adolphus Frederick Fynney) c1802

now see report of his funeral in The Reliquary

check out more on his publications

chn: [?] [Most christenings not on FMP]
Smalbroke Best Fynney b 1779 [SMR]
Alfred Augustus Fynney b 1782 [SMR]
? Octavia Augustus Fynney b c1784; i *aged 16* 21 Sep 1800 Cheddleton
Georgius Adolphus Frederick Fynney b 1788 [SMR]
Fielding Best Fynney c 19 Oct 1792 Leek; i *aged 1* 30 Mar 1794 Cheddleton
Fielding Best Fynney b c1796; m 15 Apr 1830 Manchester: Frances McFarlane
Louisa Wilhelmina Victoria Fynney m ----- Juan (Colonel) of Spain

(11 May 1805) Mr Fielding Best Finney late of Fynney near Leek (but now of Leek aforesaid) ... surgeon ... having assigned [STS:ADV]

(22 Sep 1791) On Wednesday the 10th of August the operation of lithotomy was performed upon Nancy Nixon, then in her 25th year, of the Cornhill Cross in Leek ... by Feilding-Best Finney, Esq. surgeon, corresponding Member of the Medical Society of London &c., from whose bladder he extracted a stone three ounces weight and the size of a hen's egg, with unparalleled dexterity, being under two minutes and a half performing the operation! and, though the excruciating pains which she had been afflicted with for more than six years had reduced her to the lowest ebb, she has been able to pursue her common employments from the 14th day after the operation was performed, and is now perfectly recovered. [DERBY MERCURY]

(20 Sep 1805) Suddenly, at Nottingham, in his 62d year, Fielding Best Fynney, esq. surgeon, C.M.S. and the last son of Samuel and Sarah Fynney of Fynney ... He was lineally descended from John Baron Fenis, hereditary constable of Dover Castle, and lord warden of the Cinque Ports in 1083. None ever surpassed, and few but equalled him as an affectionate husband, tender and dear parent, and benevolent neighbour. His literary and professional abilities are manifested in the Medical and Philosophical Commentaries, Philosophical Transactions, Gentleman's Magazine, &c, &c; and in 1787 he had the honour of being elected a member of the Medical Society of London. On the 29th his remains were removed from Nottingham to the family-vault at Cheddleton, and deposited near those of his ancestors. [GENT.MAG.]

Fielding Best Fynney, S.C.M.S., [2] n. Fynney, 8 February, 1744, (ob. Nottingham, 1806, aet. 62, [3] marrying Mary, d. John Spurr, of Basford, Notts., gen., (ob. 20 February, 1798), was the father of three-eminent medical men;—viz., Smalbroke Best Fynney, Alfred Augustus Fynney, n. 1782, o. s. p. 1819; and Georgius Adolphus Frederick Fynney, n. 1788 (who practised at Longnor); md. 1809, Mary, d. and h. James and Hannah Froggatt, of Whitelee; and dying 1820, left issue two daughters;—and of a da., Louisa Wilhelmina Victoria, who became the wife of Colonel Juan, a distinguished Spanish officer. [Sleigh LEEK (1883)]

Publications:

(author "The History of a Case of Imperforate Hymen; by Mr Fielding Best Fynney, Surgeon at Leek in Staffordshire" in Medical and Philosophical Commentaries by a Society in Edinburgh Volume Third Part I (1775)

Leek: Messrs Cope and Son, Mr Fielding Best Finney "A Case of imperforate Hymen" Med. Comm. vol III "An Account of he Extirpation of a polypous Excrescence from the Os Uteri" ibid. vol iv "The Case of Ann Davenport" Phil. Tranf. vol LXVII (See our Catalogue of Books)



Smalbroke Best Fynney of Leek, Staffs surgeon 1779-?1820

b 1779

m of *Stoke-upon-Trent surgeon* (by Lichfield licence, 17 Apr 1803) Ann Ashton of Leek d 1819 or 1820; i Cheddleton [but not in PR]; Will NOT FOUND

(probably apprenticed to his father) c1793

("a pupil of the celebrated Dr. John Hunter")

(as S.B. Fynney, of Custard Street, Leek surgeon) 1818 [PARSON]

chn: [7] [Christenings not on FMP]

Wilhelmina Augusta Victoria Fynney b 1806; d 9 Apr 1879

Fielding Best Fynney b 1808; d 5 Aug 1880

Augusta Matilda Fynney b 1810; d 23 Jul 1865

Louisa Fynney b 1812; d 22 Mar 1872

Frederick Adolphus Fynney b 14 Feb 1814; (unm.) 1883

Augustus Caesar Fynney b 1816

Alfred Smalbroke Fynney b 1818; unm.; d 14 Dec 1864

At Leek, 39, Mr. S.B. Fynney [MONTHLY MAGAZINE 1 Feb 1820]

Smalbroke Best Fynney, a pupil of the celebrated Dr. John Hunter, and a man of rare ability in his profession, was born a° 1779; died 1819, and was buried in the ancestral vault under the chancel of Cheddleton church. In 1804, he md. Anne Ashton, of Leek, and by her had four sons and three daughters, viz. :-Wilhelmina Augusta Victoria, n. 1806, ob. 9 April, 1879. Fielding Best Fynney, [4] n. 1808, ob. 5 August, 1880. Augusta Matilda, n. 1810, ob. 23 July, 1865. Louisa, n. 1812, ob. 22 March, 1872. Frederick Adolphus Fynney, n. 14 February, 1814, coelebs.

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Alfred Augustus Fynney of Leek, Staffs surgeon 1782-1818

b 1782

unm.

d 17 Jul 1818 Leek; i *aged 35* 23 Jul 1818 Cheddleton; Will NOT FOUND

(probably apprenticed to his father) c1796

(as A.A. Fynney, of Spout Street, Leek surgeon) 1818 [PARSON]

(25 Jul 1818) At Leek, on Friday the 17th instant, after a painful indisposition, Mr Alfred Augustus Fynney surgeon of that place; he was deservedly esteemed by all who knew him. [STS:ADV]

(28 Jul 1818) Lately at Leek in the prime of life Mr Alfred Augustus Fynney surgeon son of the late F.B. Fynney Esq. formerly of that place. As a professional character he evinced much ability; and for public and private work, he was much esteemed. Two brothers and a sister are left to bewail the loss of their much repected and amiable brother. His remains were interred in the family vault at Cheddleton. [MANCHESTER MERCURY]

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Georgius Adolphus Frederick Fynney of Leek, Staffs surgeon 1788-1820

b 1788

m *of Stoke-upon-Trent gentleman* (by Lichfield licence, 5 Jan) 5 Feb 1809 Stoke-upon-Trent: Mary Froggatt dau and heir of James Froggatt of Whitelee and Hannah (-----)

d 14 Mar 1820 Leek; i *as George, aged 31* 18 Mar 1820 Cheddleton; Will (Lichfield)

13 Mar 1820/10 Oct 1820 [below]

(probably apprenticed to his father) c1802

(of Longnor surgeon)

(as G.A. Fynney, of Spout Street, Leek surgeon) 1818 [PARSON]

chn: [2]

-[dau]- Fynney

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(13 Mar 1820) Georgius Adolphus Frederick Fynney of Leek surgeon ... friend Samuel Johnson of Booth low in Sheen gent. [trustee and executor] ... two [under age] daughters ... under £200

(18 Mar 1820) On Tuesday last [14 Mar] at Leek awfully sudden Mr G.F.A. Fynney surgeon. This is the third brother who has died in about a year and a half. [STS:ADV]

Georgius Adolphus Frederick Fynney, n. 1788 (who practised at Longnor); md. 1809, Mary, d. and h. James and Hannah Froggatt, of Whitelee; and dying 1820, left issue two daughters; [Sleigh Leek (1883)]

born in 1632, became a merchant in London. Elizabeth, the elder daughter, born in 1623, married Thomas Baylye, of Style-house, Bradnop, gen.; and Mary appears to have died a maid.

(21) William Fynney, eldest son, n. 16 July, 1626, ob. 4 December, 1668; md. 5 November, 1646, Mary, d. Richard Bateman, of Hartington-hall, Esq., who died on the 11th June, 1683. He left a large family. Richard settled at Derby. James Fynney, D.D., of St. John's College, Oxon., born in 1651, was Prebendary of York, Golden Prebendary of Durham, a benefactor to Worcester College, Oxon. To Cheddleton church he left by his will, dated 20 February, 1726, £150, and the tithes of Hall-house or Manor-farm. Also £2,500 for two £40 fellowships, and two £10 scholarships, in Worcester College, Oxon., for such persons only as were or shall be born in that part of Staffordshire called the Moorlands; and in default thereof, then such as are or shall be born in any other part of Staffordshire; and in default of such, then such as are or shall be born in the county of Durham. [1] Although twice md,—first to a Miss Davidson, and 2nd to Jane, relict of Mr. Newhouse, who re-md. Anthony Emerson—he left no issue, and was buried at Durham. Thomas, md. Mary Gould. Elizabeth o. s. p. at Durham. Anne md. Richard Mott. Mary md. William Condlyffe, of Gunside, gen. Grace died in London. Josiah, loth child, "one of the first scholars of his age," died at St. John's, Oxon., in 1717—John settled at Ashburne.

(22) William Fynney, "the finest penman in any age or nation," born 5 October, 1647, md 1680, Elizabeth, d. and c.-h. of Richard Machin, of Bucknall, gen., and died 9 July, 1721. He had a da., Mary, who md. William Mountford, of Cheddleton; and Grace, who md. James Whitehall, of Ferny-hill. William, who o. s. p. in London, 1702. James Fynney, of Durham, J.P., who by his wife, Miss Burdon, of Castle-Eden, had a da. and h. Mary, who carried with her a large fortune to her husband, William Chaloner, of Guisboro', Esq., and whose das md., respectively:— Mary, General John Hale; Anne, Edward, 1st Lord Harewood; and Jane, Sir Henry Wilson.

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(26) Frederick Adolphus Fynney, of Manchester, born at Leek, which place he left at the age of 13, and unmarried. He has had extensive monetary operations in connection with railways, of several of which he has been an active director, and in which, as also in coal and iron industries, his property is very considerable. In his possession are the original plate-of-arms and quarterings here reproduced; the Court dress-sword worn by his grandfather when presented at St. James', in George the 3rd's reign; old deeds; seals with arms and quarterings, and many other records proving the family's ancient dignity and high social status. Augustus Caesar Fynney has been a great traveller and "a mighty hunter" in Africa, New Zealand, and Australia, and now resides at Bankfield House, Blackpool.

[1] The Court of Chancery decided, 25th January, 1738, that natives only of the county of Stafford are entitled to the same.—Liber Scholasticus. [The two Hatherton scholarships of £40 per annum, and the four Fereday fellowships at S. John's, Oxon., of circa £160 per annum, seem to be still restricted to natives of Staffordshire.]

[2] Dr. Fielding-Best Fynney, who built Compton-house, is well remembered as a great scholar and remarkable man; and as walking about Leek in a red velvet coat, with lace ruffles at the hands and breast; knee breeches, silk hose, silver-buckled shoes, powdered wig, three-cornered hat, sword, and gold-headed cane—most of which are still in existence.

[3] In the papers of the day was an eulogistic notice of his death, stating that his literary and professional abilities are manifested in the Medical and Philosophical Commentaries, Philosophical Transactions, Gentleman's Magazine, and a Complete System of Surgery (dedicated by Royal mandate to King George 3rd); and that in 1787 he had the honour of being elected a member of the Medical Society.

[4] Fielding Best Fynney was one of the earliest colonists of Natal, and after spending 25 years there as a sugar planter, &c., returned to this country in 1874. He died and was buried at Southport, in 1880. His eldest son, Frederick Bernard Fynney, held important appointments in the Government service at Natal, and the blue-books contain very able reports of the special commissions with which he was intrusted—one being to King Cetewayo, by whom he was well known. Subsequently he was appointed Border-magistral and Commissioner on the Lower Tugela, immediately before the Zulu war, which position he held during the war and for some considerable time afterwards; rendering very difficult and most important services. During the time of Sir Garnet Wolseley's | occupation he served on his personal staff. As he speaks and writes the Zulu language with the utmost facility, he is unequalled as an | interpreter; and few, if any, have so perfect a knowledge of the colony of Natal and of the Zulu nation and people. On Cetewayo's recent visit to England, Mr. Fynney, at the special request of Government, came over to this country; and, after a private interview with the Earl of Kimberley, attended at the Colonial Office with the King, when the question of restoration was discussed, through Mr. Fynney, with the Ministry, and finally agreed upon; and by special desire of Lord Kimberley, he took charge of and returned with Cetewayo to the Cape.

Francis Finney of "Coalpit Ford" Cheddleton, Staffs "gentleman"

(as of "Colepitsford", disclaimed) 1664

(as Mr, 5 hearths [Coalpit Ford], Cheddleton) 1666 HT

NOTES: Pevsner states there is an M.I. to the Finney family at Cheddleton

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